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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

1. AROUND 1230 P.M., RADIO FREE MOZAMBIQUE ANNOUNCED MOVEMENT OF FREE MOZAMBIQUE HAD DECIDED TO HAND OVER RADIO STATION TO POLICE COMMANDER COL. TAVARES IN VIEW OF DISTURBANCES IN LOURENCO MARQUES SUBURBS. COL. TAVARES THEN CAME ON AIR, ISSUING EMOTIONAL APPEAL FOR ALL TO GO HOME. ABOUT HALF HOUR LATER, TAVARES BROADCAST WARNING TO MILITARY FORCES (PRESUMABLY MOVEMENT SYMPATHIZERS) GATHERED AROUND RCM AND TOLD THEM TO GO BACK TO BARRACKS--WHICH THEY APPARENTLY DID. AROUND  
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THREE P.M., TAVARES AGAIN APPEALED TO CROWD TO CLEAR

STREET IN FRONT OF RCM BUILDING SO THAT HE COULD ENSURE SECURITY TO BRING IN UNIDENTIFIED PERSON WHO WOULD BE ABLE TO EXERCISE GREAT INFLUENCE IN CALMING DISTURBANCES IN SUBURBS. CROWD, AS OF FOUR P.M., HAD NOT RESPONDED TO THIS APPEAL. FREE MOVEMENT LEADERS HAVE REPORTEDLY ALL LEFT RCM.

2. LOCAL EMPLOYEE IN LOURENCO MARQUES WHITE RESIDENTIAL AREA TWO MILES ALONG COAST REPORTED HEARING SHOTS AROUND TWO P.M. AND WAS TOLD AFRICANS HAD ATTEMPTED ROB GROCERY STORE. AFP CORRESPONDENT ROLNICK SAID HE WITNESSED INCIDENT. HE ALSO SAID HE HEARD MACHINE GUN AND MORTAR FIRE AND SAW CARS WHICH HAD BEEN DESTROYED BY EXPLOSIVES. WHITES IN COSTA DO SOL AREA ARE REPORTEDLY ARMING THEMSELVES AND FORMING VIGILANTE GROUPS TO GUARD AREA.

3. WE HAVE HEARD REPORTS FROM VARIOUS SOURCES THAT BLACK CROWDS ARE MOVING TOWARD CENTER OF LOURENCO MARQUES AND MANY WHITES IN PANIC FEAR VIOLENCE. RCM NOW HAS FRELIMO SYMPATHIZER BROADCASTING ON AIR URGING BLACKS TO BE CALM, THAT LUSAKA ACCORD WILL BE RESPECTED, AND FRELIMO GOVERNMENT WILL BE INSTALLED IN MOZAMBIQUE SOON.

4. COMMENT: TENSION IN LGURENCO MARQUES IS RAPIDLY MOUNTING. SINCE THERE HAS NOT BEEN ANY SIGNIFICANT BLACK/WHITE CONFRONTATION TO DATE, HOWEVER, WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT PORTUGUESE SECURITY FORCES AND FRELIMO LEADERS IN CITY WILL BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN SITUATION UNDER CONTROL. TONIGHT SHOULD BE A CRUCIAL TIME. WE HAVE ADVISED AMERICANS IN LOURENCO MARQUES AREA TO TAKE SENSIBLE PRECAUTIONS IN EVENT EVACUATION IS NECESSARY. WE DO NOT THINK EVACUATION BY AIR WOULD BE EASY BECAUSE RACIAL TROUBLE IS ALL ALONG AIRPORT ROAD. ACTING GERMAN CONSUL GENERAL JUST ADVISED US HIS GOVERNMENT HAD APPROACHED USG AND UKG FOR MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IN CASE EVACUATION BECOMES NECESSARY. GERMANS HAVE TWO SHIPS AT BERTH, BRITISH HAVE FOUR AND WE HAVE TWO 15 BILES OUT AT ANCHOR. EVACUATION BY ROAD WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT AS IT RUNS THROUGH AFRICAN QUARTERS OF MATOLA. OFFICER IN CHARGE OF POLICE HEADQUARTERS HAS JUST ASSURED US THAT SECURITY FORCES ARE DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO KEEP ORDER. IN ANY EVENT, WE HAVE NOT YET REACHED STAGE OF EVACUATING DEPENDENTS AND AMERICAN CITIZENS WISHING TO LEAVE. WE ARE MANNING COMMUNICATIONS HERE THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT.  
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